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2016 Schedule of

Meetings: Mar. 2nd, Apr. 6th, May 4th, June 1st, July 6th, Aug. 3rd, Sept. 7th, Oct. 5th, Nov. 2nd, and Dec. 7th.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m., meeting starts 7 p.m., at the Rockwood Public Library (inside Eramosa Community Centre) at 85 Christie Street (near corner Christie Street and Main Street North Wellington Road 27, Rockwood, On. NoB 2K0.

2016 Annual Membership Fee:

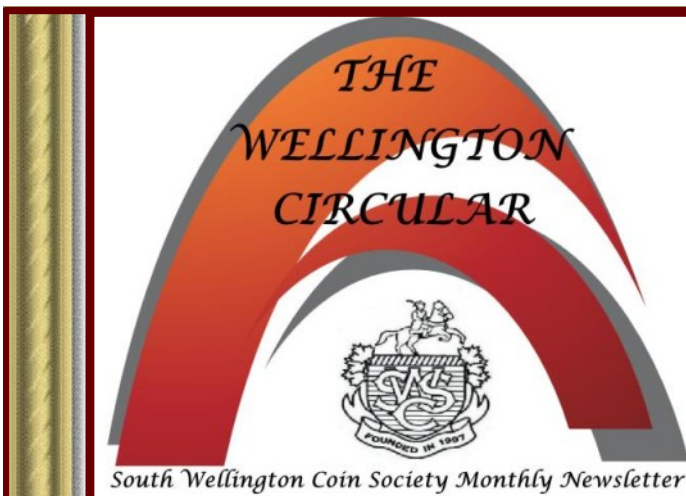
Regular \$10
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Junior (14 to age 18) \$5
Under 14 Free

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NEXT MEETING DATE:
WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 4TH, 2016
DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.
MEETING STARTS
****7 P.M.****
THEME:
MEL'S COLLECTING & DIGGING EXPERIENCES

Editor's Message

Our next meeting is Wednesday, **MARCH 4TH, 2016 AT **7 P.M.** (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)!** and our famous **Mel Brown** will share some of his collecting and archaeological experiences.

It's that time again, kindly bring your **2016 renewal fees** to our March 2016 meeting (if you did not already renew) to keep your membership in good standing.

In follow-up to our last issue, **William (Bill) Waychison** (close friend of Jerry's for 40 years) shared this additional information:

Regarding the illustration on the reverse of the **Jerry H. Remick** personal medal, the Crystals are Quartz Crystals, and the logo for the Mineralogical Association of Canada (MAC); the beaver on a log surmounting crossed geological hammers is the original logo for the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy, and Petroleum (CIM). The association name expanded with time, but the letters CIM has

always been retained. **Jerry** was a long-standing member and organizer for both associations as well as the GAC (Geological Association of Canada). **Jerry** was very interested in geology, and in particular, mineralogy, and his adopted country of Canada. The 1985 1 Cent coin reverse is shown to illustrate that Jerry was a long-time numismatist. The year 1985 reflects when he founded the APMI. When my father-in-law passed in 2001, I discussed possibly issuing a medal in his memory. **Jerry** had already issued his 2001 Christmas medals and suggested using that die as an obverse. He indicated **Frank Blackwood** was doing the same for his sister. I followed his suggestion. Years later, I obtained the appropriate permissions, and paid and had PMP cut a new die of the angel less the Christmas text, and used it for my mother's memorial medal.



Your Editor spotted this JHR Christmas medal on eBay for sale at \$4.25 U.S. The seller said he inherited a box of coins and medals from his late aunt, and found this in the box.



Happy New Year 2016 to all!!



South Wellington *founded*
Coin Society *in 1997*



A Christmas Story (*a True Story*) by Charles Michael (Mikey) Hollingshead

I grew up in Guelph's working-class west-end, the youngest by 9 years in a family of four children. I walked out of that London Road West abode on May 1st of 1973 just shy of my 19th birthday to start university and would not sleep another night in that house until the evening my father died some 14 years later. That night I looked around that tiny family home wondering how the six of us had managed to cohabitate within the confines of those love-filled 1050 square feet.

Our first television, a black and white Electrohome, had arrived in 1957. In 1962, when he was 49 years old, my father bought his first car, a Rambler Classic. At that point he had already been bicycling to work at the W. C. Wood Company for 25 years, having moved to Guelph with 5 or 6 other original employees from Toronto in the late 1930's. Initially, that company was involved with oat rollers and related farm machinery but became better known for bulk milk coolers and home freezers when rural electrification programs emerged after the war. He would retire at the age of 67 after working there for over 43 years.

My father had wanted to be a medical doctor and likely would have lived his dream and been a splendid medic, had the Depression not forced this middle child of nine siblings into the work force. His father, a literate man who read Latin, was a printer with the T. Eaton Company and would proof-read and correct both the English and French editions prior to the printing and distribution of that popular Canadian icon, the Eaton's Catalogue. My father often recalled that his childhood home was always full of family and friends, especially on weekends when bridge games would be played endlessly. I suppose that, like my own childhood, he had fond recollections of all the happy moments with not much regard for sad times or dwelling on the lack of money.

In his childhood there was none of the glitz and obscene piles of Christmas presents that typify too many of today's households. In those years of the Hungry 1920's a lucky child was more likely to receive only a nice red apple, a small chocolate-confection or a beautiful juicy orange. Each child would search under the tree on Christmas morning to find their own personal treasure amidst the others. That gift, as small and insignificant as it may appear to our jaded eyes, was a source of joy and pleasure to the recipient. Whether they understood the economics of those times or not we might never know but that was the reality in which they lived.

In my own youth with my brother and two sisters, we eagerly counted down the days until Christmas when a real tree would sprout from our living room floor and presents for everyone would collect under its boughs. There were always 3 or 4 gifts for everyone, more often than not a piece of clothing and some games or toys depending on your age. Of course, all of the gifts would have the requisite tags stating, "To": and "Love From". All that is, except one, which appeared every year but was left blank. We joked about my father or mother having a confidential admirer or a secret Santa! But I remember with crystal clarity the Christmas morning that my Dad revealed to us that it was he who had bought, wrapped and placed that gift under our tree. We howled with laughter and cajoled him to tell us the reason and all smiles and giggles settled back to listen.

It was one such Christmas morning in the early 1920's on Jane Street in Toronto, all nine kids scrambled under the tree and found their appointed gift – all except for the young boy who would become my father. A search under the "chesterfield" and surrounding area by the whole family failed to be productive. His embarrassed parents soon figured out the error. It happened that somehow, with nine children to provide gifts for, by sheer accident and without malicious intent, his parents had somehow missed in the confusion and hustle to wrap a gift for him.

My father said that he decided after that Christmas that to avoid future errors, he would each year, ensure that a family member would never again have to wake Christmas morning without a present by providing an emergency gift to be opened and enjoyed.

I am not sure at what point in his story our smiles turned to tears, but I can assure you that even as I pass through my seventh decade on earth, my eyes still well up and my throat tightens as I choke back a sob and feel a sadness and sorrow for that forgotten child.

Please consider donating an unwrapped gift to a charity of your choice.

[Note: This story was originally published in the Guelph Mercury, December 2014.]



More On The Hollingshead Story

The story on page 2 came about in conversations with Mike Hollingshead in the month of December (after the Dec.-Jan. Wellington Circular was sent), but your Editor still felt it important to print the story in the next issue. When your Editor asked Mike if she could print the story on the previous page, another story came out about Mike's mother. "Thank you, thank you, thank you! My mother always said that saying it once never seemed adequate to convey the joy." I think it's important to take this to also mean "each day we should find several ways to give thanks" rather than only at Christmas and Thanksgiving. Therefore, you can give to "forgotten children" any time of the year.

Your Editor wondered how many SWCS members realized Mike's numismatic roots stem back to those of his father.

Roy had a long career with W C Wood Company Ltd. and while there, he invented the FFIJCE LUBRIQATING DEVICE (patent US2527422 A) in 1945, and about half a dozen other patents too. **Roy** originally went by **Bill**, but later adopted one of his middle names (as W C Wood has 2 Bill's).

Roy Hollingshead, immediate Past President of the ONA, passed away on Friday, July 8, 1988, after a prolonged illness that curtailed most of his activities. **Roy** was a member of many local Coin Clubs and always helped when called upon. His dedication to the hobby was International and he would often return from trips to Florida and tell members at the meetings of visiting the numerous clubs in the St. Petersburg and Tampa area, and how their meetings differed from ours. He focused on giving back to the community through education and generosity. He freely gave his time and positive spirit, and was a great role model for fellowship. **Roy's** term of office in the Ontario Numismatic Association progressed from a Director through the Vice-President offices to that of President in 1985-1987. His son **Mike** would also go on in the future to become President of the ONA, utilizing the many valuable lessons his father taught him on building long-term sustainable relationships.

One of the last projects **Roy** was involved with was being Chairman of the Award of Merit Committee for 1988. **Roy** was always available to the ONA current President, **Ken Wilmot**, to talk to if there was ever a problem **Ken** had to face in the ONA, and **Roy's** advice will be sorely missed. The loss to the ONA is great and **Roy** will be miss as a true friend.

Then digging deeper we learn more about **Roy**:

Frank Leslie Hollingshead (born Woodbridge, Ontario Dec. 31, 1887, died May 25, 1960) wed **Mabel Hilts** (born Grand Valley, Ontario Apr. 30, 1887, died Jan. 26, 1962) in Brampton (Ontario) on Dec. 4, 1907. Together they raised 9 children (5 sons, 4 daughters): **Charles** King Hollingshead, **Mabel** May Hollingshead, **Alice** Lilian Alberta Hollingshead, **William** Leslie Roy Hollingshead (aka **Roy-Mike's** father), **Margaret** Violet Rose Hollingshead, **Roscoe** Emerson Hollingshead (ask **Ross**), **Frank** Hollingshead, **Henry** Lloyd George Hollingshead (aka **Harry**), and **Amy** Grace Elizabeth Hollingshead.

Roy married **Frances Alberta Avery** (who passed away Sept. 24, 2012 in her 98th year). **Frances** was born in Rocky Mountain House (Alberta) to her parents **Daniel** and **Emily Avery** (Judge). **Roy** and **Frances** raised 4 children (2 sons, 2 daughters): **Diane** Ambroise (Robert) of Guelph, **William** Hollingshead (Joan) of Oshawa, **Susan** Edwards (Kenneth) of Elora, and **Charles** Michael "**Mike**" Hollingshead (Mary) of Guelph. **Roy** and **Frances'** family grew to include grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren by the 2000's.

Local Clubs & Numismatic Associations Upcoming Shows & Conventions

*For more Numismatic Events, check out the Canadian Coin News Link at:
<http://www.trajan.ca/showbbs/ccn.pl>*

- **2016-Feb. 20**-9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.: **COIN-A-Rama -Oshawa & District Coin Club** at Five Points Mall, 285 Taunton Rd. E., Oshawa, L1G 3V2, Ph: 905-728-1352, E-mail Sharon papman@bell.net.
- **2016-Feb 21**-10 a.m. to 4 p.m.-Free Admission: **Windsor-Detroit International Coin Show** hosted by Polish American Numismatic Society & Windsor Coin Cub at American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple Rd., Troy, Michigan 48083, Ph: 313-207-3562, E-mail Brett Irick xr7gt@prodigy.net.
- **2016-Feb 27-28**: **TOREX— Canada's National Coin Show** (auctioneer: The Canadian Numismatic Company) at Hyatt Regency Toronto on King, 370 King St. W., Toronto, M5V 1J9, Ph: 416-705-5348, E-mail Brian Smith brian@torex.net.

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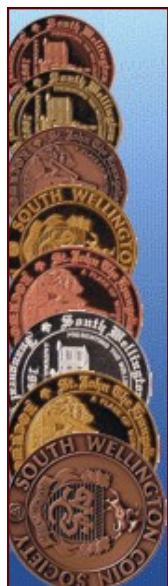


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SWCS:
Was founded in March 1997.
This medal was issued 2015.



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SWCS EXECUTIVE

Term of Office: **July 1, 2015—June 30, 2018 (3 yrs)**

Board of Directors (elected)

(sets officers guidelines, but not involved in day-to-day operations EXCEPT responsible for ALL education programs and looks after ALL contracts for venues and insurance)

Chairman / Director: **Scott Douglas**

Directors: **Mel Brown**, **Len Kuenzig** (lenkuenzig@yahoo.ca, **905-824-4893**), **John Semedo**, **Lowell Wierstra** (ljwierstra@rogers.com, **519-824-6534**)

Director Emeritus: **Robert Zmija** (Lifetime Member #1)

Director of Youth Services: **Peter Horne deus** (YN)

Officers (elected)

(run the day-to-day operations)

President: **Scott Douglas**, sdouglas333@gmail.com, **519-853-3812**
(also is club archivist, historian, and looks after medals)

Past-President: **John Semedo**, johnsemedo99@gmail.com, **519-821-6379**

Vice-President: **Mike Hollingshead**, cholling@uoguelph.ca, **519-823-2646**

Treasurer: **Scott Douglas**

(includes all revenues generated from membership dues, meeting, and shows; and looks after advertising)

Secretary: **Judy Blackman**, jblackman@rogers.com
(includes flyers, other club notices, newsletters, public website liaison, private website webmaster, executive agendas and minutes)

Other Non-Elected IMPORTANT Club Roles

ALL Multi-Media Needs: **John Semedo**

ALL Draws and Membership Meeting Notes: **John Semedo** and **Mike Hollingshead**

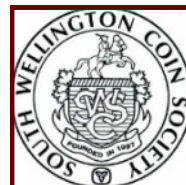
Show Bourse: **Mike Hollingshead** and **Lowell Wierstra**

Auction Chairman: **Lowell Wierstra** / Auctioneers:
Mike Hollingshead and **Scott Douglas**
Auction Runners: **Len Kuenzig**, and other available executive.

“Giving Back to Community” Liaison:
Heather Hoddinott

Hospitality, Mall Days and Kids’ Programs & Mentors:
Mel Brown and **Charles Turton**

Meeting Room Set-up and Clean-up:
All members present



Thomas Wibby 1879 – 1933

DID YOU
KNOW



.... that the Ontario Provincial Winter Fair medals of Guelph were manufactured in a small Toronto office by an individual who was an amateur athlete and a gun club sharp shooter?

Thomas Wibby was born in 1879 in Toronto, Ontario. Wibby was hailed as an all-round athlete participating in many different sporting activities throughout his junior and high school years. Wibby was also a keen trapshooter and belonged to the Balmy Beach Gun Club. In 1918 Wibby won the Watson trophy for shooting at 50 and breaking 44 clay targets.

When Thomas married Emma May Jolley in 1904 he was living in Rochester, New York working as a lithographer. One of the most prolific manufacturers of tokens and medals of the time was located in Rochester, Bastien Bros. It is unclear exactly when he became an advertising novelties agent but evidence indicates it was sometime between 1915 and 1918. Wibby began manufacturing novelties himself soon after and operated from an office on the first floor at 11 Colborne St. in Toronto. Wibby remained there until his death in December of 1933. Among the items Wibby is known to have produced are horticultural badges, pin back buttons and the Guelph Ontario Provincial Winter Fair medals.

Tragedy would visit Thomas Wibby throughout his life. His first daughter was stillborn (1911) and his wife Emma (born 1876) would pass away in 1930 at the age of 54. Thomas Wibby himself suffered an early and painful death while driving two friends home travelling north on Yonge Street December 24, 1933. There were many accidents that night as the weather conditions were very bad. It was extremely cold and icy and as Wibby went to turn onto Merton Street his car slid in a semi-circle and rammed into a hydro pole on the corner. He was trapped behind the wheel of his car with broken ribs and what would turn out to be a ruptured heart.

Thomas Wibby was dead on arrival at Toronto General Hospital.



These medals with the Thos. Wibby, Toronto mark were made in 1918 and 1919. The silver was suspended with a blue ribbon and the gold plated medal a red ribbon.



This article is written by:
Scott E. Douglas
FRCNA, FCNRS, FONA, GKStE

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Here's SWCS December 2nd, 2015 Draws and Accolades:

On-Time Attendance Draw aka 'Be There Or Be Square' was once again (second month in a row) **Ryan Zmija's** name, we think he better wake up! Our next meeting (March) will be **\$15**.

King Arthur's Treasure: equivalent 100 items won by **Ray Zoethout**.

Daytona Draw was won by **John Semedo** who opted to keep the envelope, and was glad to find a Cdn. 1992 Double Dollar proof set valued at **\$35**.

Annual *Special* Paid-up Membership Draw (of 2016 dues) was won by **Gord Parker** who received a one-year **Canadian Coin News Subscription** (or 1 year extension if he already has a 2016 subscription).

Speakers / Presentations:

DECEMBER'S EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION:

Scott E. Douglas, award-winning author and speaker (being his usual overly-modest self), gave a most engaging presentation of some obscure and interesting Christmas themed medals titled "**A Ghostly Presence of a Christmas Medal's Past**".

Our guest **Jane Wahl** was captivated by it, as was everyone else in the room. **Jane** was so numismatic ally inspired, she purchased a 10-ounce fine silver bar for her 14-year-old son!

Well done **Scott!** The presentation was a perfect length to cover the topic yet maintain an air of completeness and keep everyone interested and eager. In an era where there is an alarming trend toward clubs failing to provide educational content in meetings, SWCS proved that even with a Holiday content to the meeting, we can still commit to our mandate of numismatic education at ALL meetings per year.

MARCH'S EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION: **Mel Brown** (on collecting coins and archaeology, or thereabouts).

Monthly Auction:

The commission charged to consignors: Sold for under \$20, auction fee is 25 cents and items sold for over \$20 fee is \$1. Pretty simple. No buyers premium, no sales tax. Bring your items to consign to the meeting or contact **Lowell Wierstra** at ljwierstra@rogers.com or call 519-824-6534! Please use the new consignment form.

There are no auctions or meetings in Jan.-Feb. as our club chooses not to meet in the poor winter months and meet in the summer instead. We have issued 4 months (March, April, May, June 2016) of future auction sheets. Keep the wonderful items coming!

DECEMBER 2ND AUCTION ACTION:

Mike Hollingshead did a superb job (as usual) with all for the auction lots (consigned and donated). Our focus for this meeting was "giving back" so some consigned items were passed as those present drained cash in support of the Food Bank.

The non-consigned donated auction items results were:

Colonial Acres Coins \$20 Gift Certificate: **Mel Brown** paid **\$20**

Royal Canadian Legion Historic War Picture Cards and Freedom Twenty-Five Cents: **Jane Wahl** paid **\$15**

3 Recent Canadian Currency and Coin Catalogues: **Gord Parker** bids of \$18, \$15, \$12 = **\$45** paid (our Youth Director already had these in his collection otherwise we would have donated them to him)

Royal Canadian Legion Tasteful Button-Down Pocketed Sweater: **Len Kuenzig** paid **\$50** (beating out the other spirited bidder, **Ernie Blair** – **Mike** suggests if **Ernie** was a size smaller, the bidding may have soared higher). **Len** modeled the sweater and it was a perfect fit for him!

Mike ponders "I'd hate to think how high the bidding would have gone on All items were I not suffering from a horrible cold, I'm surprised I was able to finish the auction."

Giving Back To The Community:

Donations to the **Food Bank** included the \$130 from the donated auction items above, plus gift cards for The Bulk Barn \$20, Tim Horton's \$20, and CTC Gas Bar \$25 (which will be used to reimburse drivers who transport medical patients), due to **Judy Blackman's** generosity (**\$175**).

Also the **Food Bank** received plus **\$400** gift cards (20 x \$20) for Wal-Mart from SWCS, and food donations from members, including a very large stack of toilet paper! The weight of food might not have been the best indicator due to the hundreds of rolls of toilet paper (from **Mike Hollingshead**) which appeared! Obviously SWCS "gives a Sh*t!".

Three large cans of coffee (from **Dwayne Spears**) also appeared among many other non-traditional donations. **Jane's** vehicle was packed to the roof, for her to take back to the **Food Bank**.

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A member (**Andrew Strachan**) also donated about **25 coupons** each for a **free carton** of Minute Maid orange juice.

We were very pleased that **Jane Wahl** (pictured here with **Mike**—photo courtesy of **John Semedo**) elected to stay for the entire meeting, and seemed to find our club's humour joyful!



Other donations by SWCS included **\$200** to the **Wellington County Library – Rockwood Branch**, and **\$400** to the **Royal City Christian Life Centre** (Guelph downtown Mission - <http://www.rcclc.ca>) “Daily Bread for Everyone” program.

On Sat. Nov. 29th, **Scott Douglas** toured the Life Center and was very impressed with what they are accomplishing on a shoestring. Our SWCS donation is well deserved by this group.



Our SWCS donations (back to the community) in 2015 were **well over \$1,100**. This doesn't include any support to numismatic foundations and organizations, which are over and above, or free handouts to the public at our mall and show days.

Big Thank You:

A big thank you to **E & L Holdings** (**Ernie** and **Linda Blair**) and the **Select Currency** duo of **Gary** and **Andrew** (who now lives a short walk from the Library meeting place) for their dedicated attendance at our meetings all year and a special hug to **Mel Brown** for looking after our free to all coffee and snacks! Many thanks to **Lowell Wierstra** and **Judy Blackman** for looking after our auction lists, all our club volunteers at our mall and shows, and helpers to set up and clean up at our meetings. A big hug to **Judy Blackman** for her unyielding generosity towards the SWCS club and to its charitable causes as well. Certainly above and beyond her Executive duties looking after our newsletters, websites, flyers and minutes.

SWCS President (**Scott**) shared, “After every meeting, I feel very uplifted at what we are accomplishing as a group. Numismatics, Fellowship, and Lots of Laugh! It doesn't get

much better than that.” Here's more photos from the SWCS Dec. 2nd meeting courtesy of **John Semedo** (taken on his phone).



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Dear Father

This 2004 North Korean 2000-won coin, which NGC graded Proof 69 Ultra Cameo, realized \$690 in the Ira & Larry Goldberg Auctioneers Pre-Long Beach Coin & Currency Auction held Sept. 10-13, 2006. The firm had estimated its value at \$550-650.

This North Korean poster shows Kim Jong-il (aka “Mad Man” and he was officially called “Dear Leader”) in a serene setting, apparently enjoying his morning paper and companionable pheasants, as an estimated 1-3 million North Koreans were starving to death in a famine during the early years of his reign. Kim Jong-il, was North Korean’s supreme leader from 1994 to his death in 2011. He was a huge Elvis Presley fan and so the former leader is seen on coins and in other images wearing his idol’s hairstyle.

Kim succeeded his father, Great Leader Kim Il-sung, and was father to his chubby son Brilliant Comrade Kim Jong-un, the hermit kingdom’s current ruler. Despite the evil of these 3 in leadership, according to North Korean media, the heavens cried when Kim Jong-il met his maker. The BBC relayed the report Dec. 22, 2011: “Ice cracked on a famous lake ‘so loud, it seemed to shake the Heavens and the Earth’, and a mysterious glow was seen on a revered mountain top, KCNA said. Following the storm’s sudden end at dawn on Tuesday, a message carved in rock— ‘Mount Paektu, holy mountain of revolution. Kim Jong-il—glowed brightly, it said. It remained there until sunset.”

Dear Leader appears on several coins from the 1990s and 2000s, mostly showing 1/2 and 3/4 portraits of Mr. Misery greeting diplomats. The most entertaining is a 1992 50-won Silver piece celebrating Kim Jong-il’s 50th birthday. This coin you will not find on the market, you won’t even be able to raise an image of it, that’s how very rare it is! The last one was on the market in 2014 and sold for \$305 U.S. and wasn’t even a high-grade. The coin has the nation’s coat of arms on the obverse and a facing bust of Dear Leader on the reverse. In 1992, radio broadcasts started referring to him as the “Dear Father”, instead of the “Dear Leader”, suggesting a promotion. His 50th birthday in February was the occasion for massive celebrations, exceeded only by those for the 80th birthday of Kim Il Sung himself on April 15. There was a 1992 10-won also issued but it a front-facing portrait.



The same year as his death (2011), these Gold and Silver commemorative coins were issued in the DPRK on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of leader Kim Jong-il’s assumption of the supreme commandership of the Korean People’s Army. A decree of the Presidium of the DPRK Supreme People’s Assembly was promulgated on Dec. 23 in this regard.

Now back to 2004, here’s some other coins issued that year...The next one is a 2004 North Korea Bimetal 7-won coin.



Now we have the 2004 North Korea Silver 7-won coin—Henry Hudson Halfmoon.



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Series 2004 North Korea Brass 20-won Proof coins—this one is Henry Hudson Halfmoon. The other is Statsraad Lehmkuhl.

(left) The Henry Hudson's sailing ship HalfMoon sailed from Holland on a voyage of discovery to New Amsterdam (now New York City), and up the North River (now the Hudson River) in 1609. (right) The "Statsraad Lehmkuhl" is a 3-masted steel bark, built by Johann C. Tecklenberg AG in Bremerhaven-Geestemunde in 1914 as a training ship for the German merchant marine.



In writing this, I have no idea why the North Koreans adopted these ships on their coins, as I cannot find a North Korean connection to either of these events.



2004 North Korea Copper 19gm 20-won UNC bar—Cercopithecus Mitis. The Blue Monkey primate's scientific name is Cercopithecus Mitis (higher classification: Guenon, Rank: Species). The Blue Monkey or Diademed Monkey is a species of Old World Monkey native to Central and East Africa, ranging from the upper Congo River basin east to the East African Rift and south to northern Angola and Zambia. These monkeys are not native to North Korean and you can not bring them up under North Korean search; however, you can bring up a Blue Monkey Bar & Lounge in North Korean. The significance of North Korean putting this image on their coin remains a mystery to me.



Home of John Schultz



The Johnstown Flood (locally, the Great Flood of 1889) occurred on May 31, 1889, after the catastrophic failure of the South Fork Dam on the Little Conemaugh River 14 miles (23km) upstream of the town of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The dam broke after several days of extremely heavy rainfall, unleashing 20 million tons of water (18 million cubic meters) from the reservoir known as Lake Conemaugh. With a flow rate that temporarily equalled that of the Mississippi River, the flood killed 2,209



people and caused U.S. \$17 million in damage (about \$425 million in 2012 dollars). The American Red Cross, led by Clara Barton and with 50 volunteers, undertook a major disaster relief effort. Support for victims came from all over the United States and 18 foreign countries. After the flood, survivors suffered a series of legal defeats in their attempts to recover damages from the dam's owners. Public indignation at that failure prompted the development in American law changing a fault-based regime to strict liability. The Home of John Schultz was turned over when hit by a tree leaving roots 30 feet high. This 1 ounce silver medal commemorates the event.

(left) This picture is the John Schultz house after the flood. Skewered by a huge tree uprooted by the flood, the house floated down from Union Street to the end of Main. Six people, including Schultz, were inside the house when the flood hit. All survived.

(centre) The next picture is a view of lower Johnstown three days after the flood.



(right) This picture is a house that was almost completely destroyed in the flood.



New Guelph Currency

This information was forwarded by **Mike Hollingshead**, gleaned from a Hamilton Spectator and Guelph Mercury article, by **Rob O'Flanagan** (this picture is courtesy of Rob). The G Dollar (www.gdollar.ca/market) is a debt-free complimentary currency created and administered by 36-year old **Nigel Brown**. It is backed by him and the markets that accept it as payment. Its purpose is to stimulate the local economy by insuring there is an adequate amount of debt-free currency in circulation for the efficient exchange of goods and services. It is created with the intention that it generate harmony and wealth. The G Dollar market is on Wednesdays at the E-Bar from 6-9 p.m. (Guelph). The G Dollar (for now a colourful five note—of which about 4,500 are currently in circulation with more introduced each week) met is unique in that participants give and receive payment not only in Canadian dollars and barter but also “G Dollars.” In return for accepting G Dollars, vendors offering goods and services will receive G Dollars (G\$30 currently) for free at the beginning of every market. The majority of G Dollars have gone into circulation in this manner. At this point, there are only openings available for vendors offering both goods and services. It is a unique market because of the complimentary currency payment system. Currently they have a healthy trade using G Dollars as payment but with opening the market to the public, they expect an increase in Canadian dollar purchases. The G Dollar is currently trading equal or at par with the Canadian Dollar. The G Dollar has a dominant image of a yellow and black goldfinch perched on a branch with a large purple flower. The background is a sunburst red. Each bill is stamped, dated and signed on the reverse by Nigel who is a stay-at-home dad, landscaper, and apple orchard worker. The G Dollar market is a community of art, printmakers, photographers, art materials and supplies, and handcrafted articles.



British Coin Humour

Teacher, “If you had 10 pounds and you asked your father for a 1 pound coin, how much money would you have?”. Boy: “Nothing!” Teacher: “You don’t know your maths.” Boy: “You don’t know my father!”

A Scottish Chemistry Teacher is doing an experiment for his class. He takes a 1 pound coin out of his wallet, drops it in a beaker of acid and asks, “Now class, will this pound coin be dissolved by the acid?” One pupil puts his hand up, “No sir, it definitely will not!” The teacher smiles, ‘That’s right lad — well done! Now, can you explain why?’ The boy smiles back, “Well, if the acid was going to dissolve your coin, you would have used a penny.”

I saw a homeless guy sat in a doorway, holding his hand out. So I pulled some loose change out my pocket and handed him 50 pence. He pointed to a pound coin and said, “Can I have that?” I said, “Beggars can’t be choosers mate.”

For a long time I had been feeling unhappy, as I was stuck in a loveless marriage and had no money. So I decided to kill two birds with one stone. I took out a life insurance policy on my wife, then hired a hitman to kill her. He told me his name was “Artie.” He wanted me to pay him 5 grand to do the dirty deed. I told him he could have the money after he’d done it, and gave him all the money I had up front — a 1 pound coin. The next day he followed my wife into Sainsbury’s, and when nobody was looking, strangled her to death. The manager saw him doing it, so he strangled him too. But he got caught on CCTV and was arrested momentarily. The newspaper headline the next day read: “Artie Chokes Two For A Pound At Sainsburys.”

The British woman who is being held hostage by Somali pirates was on the news saying that watching her boat drifting away after their capture was ‘the worst feeling you can imagine.’ I can’t help thinking she’s never watched a pound coin slipping down the side of a car seat.

All this snow really makes it clear how much dogs piss (go pee-pee). If I ever drop a pound coin near a lamppost again, I’m leaving I there.





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September 22, 2018



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LOT	DESCRIPTION	EST. VALUE	RESERVE	YOUR BID	WINNING BID
1	Canadian Tire lot of 3 2010 cash coins	?	\$ 3.00		
2	Gold Plated Sir John A Macdonald 1991 Kingston	?	\$ 3.00		
3	1991 Sir John A Macdonald Kingston first capitol	?	\$ 3.00		
4	Canada 1973 unc dollar bill ECK8729041	?	\$ 1.50		
5	Canada 1974 two dollar bill BR5002239/	?	\$ 2.00		
6	Canada 1982 Confederation nickel dollar	?	\$ 1.50		
7	Canada 1974 "Winnipeg 100" nickel dollar	?	\$ 1.25		
8	Canada 1969 Voyager nickel dollar	?	\$ 1.25		
9	Canada 1973 PEI nickel dollar	?	\$ 1.25		
10	Canada 1970 Manitoba nickel dollar	?	\$ 1.25		
11	Canada 1972 proof like set	?	\$ 3.00		
12	Canada 2012 toony 5 pack 1812 H M C S Shannon	?	\$ 11.00		
13	Canada 1859 ICCS certified VG10	?	\$ 2.00		
14	Canada War of 1812 mint set collection	?	\$ 7.00		
15	Canada roll of 2012 pennies	?	\$ 1.00		
16	Canada 1978 Edmonton silver dollar cased	?	\$ 10.00		
17	Canada a bag twenty nickel dollars	?	\$ 20.00		
18	Canada 1899 silver 5 cent coin	?	\$ 5.00		
19	Newfoundland 1917c ICCS certified silver half dollar VG	?	\$ 12.00		
20	Canada 1902 Edward VII coronation medal	?	\$ 2.00		
21	Canada 1942 roll of pennies	?	\$ 1.00		
22	Canada 1992 specimen set	?	\$ 6.00		
23	Canada 1951 big nickel token	?	\$ 1.00		
24	Manitoba 1870-1970 centennial token	?	\$ 1.00		
25	Canada 1902 silver 5 cent coin	?	\$ 7.00		
26	Newfoundland 1917c silver quarter	?	\$ 7.00		
27	Canada 1967 silver quarter	?	\$ 2.00		
28	Canada 1900 big cent	?	\$ 12.00		
29	Canada 1950 silver quarter	?	\$ 2.00		
30	Canada 2012 ten coin pack of Brock quarters	?	\$ 3.00		
31	Panama 1907 half centesimo	\$ 5.00	NR		
32	U.S.A. 1864 two cents	?	\$ 9.00		
33	Netherland 1956 guilder .230 oz silver	?	NR		
34	Canada 1934 silver quarter	?	\$ 4.00		
35	Canada 1909 silver half dollar	?	\$ 10.00		
36	Germany 1935a silver 5 Reich Mark	\$15.00	\$ 8.00		
37	Germany 1937f silver 2 Reich Mark	\$10.00	\$ 5.00		
38	Germany 1937j silver 2 Reich Mark	\$10.00	\$ 5.00		
39	Germany 1937a silver Reich Mark	\$10.00	\$ 5.00		
40	North Bay 2 trade dollars 1981 & 1982	?	\$ 2.00		

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